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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

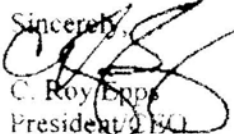
Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of the Civic League of Greater New Brunswick, it is imperative that we continue to have affordable access to broadband which enables our communities to bridge educational and technological gaps, and, today's digital divide. We respectfully ask that you work steadfastly in improving broadband access instead of creating net neutrality rules that would possibly have a harmful impact on the African American and minority communities that we serve.

Broadband access has a profound effect on the way the communities we serve advances academically and communicates professionally. From on-line high school credit recovery programs to mentoring training to workforce readiness, our youth, parents and community partners need access to the innovative solutions that broadband brings. A net neutrality policy may possibly threaten our ability to invest in the success of our youth and our community.

We've made progress in adopting broadband to prepare our students for tomorrow's workforce and to advocate for equitable benefits. A net neutrality rule could possibly undermine this progress and threaten our ability to excel in a competitive, economically tough environment.

I encourage you to keep the Civic League and minority communities in mind as you consider a ruling which may have a negative impact on how we access broadband to improve our lives.

Sincerely,

C. Roy Epps
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